

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal is to automatise all manual exchanges within the 90-95 period. Majority of replacements will, however, be by electronic exchanges.

(c) As on 1-4-91 there were 207 Manual exchanges of these approximately 50 are to be automatised during 91-92.

Telephone Connections in Delhi

2207. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Delhi till date, category-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 3,18,891 persons are on the waiting list for telephone connections in Delhi as on 1-7-1991. The category-wise breakup is given below:

(i) Own Your Telephone (OYT)	· 24,123
(ii) Special Scheme	· 5,676
(iii) General	· 2,89,092
Total	· 3,18,891

(b) Plans have been drawn up to augment the equipped capacity of exchanges from approximately 6 lakh lines as on 31-3-1991 to approximately 10 lakh lines by 31-3-1995. With this the current waiting list as on 1-7-1991 is expected to be substantially cleared by 31-3-1995.

[English]

Grants to Agricultural Universities

2208. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is providing grants to Agricultural Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the grants given to the Agricultural Universities during the last three years; and

(c) the criteria followed in deciding the quantum of grant to each university?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The grant given by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to State Agricultural Universities in the country during the last three years was Rs. 209.24 crores.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research provides developmental assistance to State Agricultural Universities mainly through two schemes namely:

'Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities' and

'National Agricultural Research Project'.

The quantum of assistance under the 'Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities' which is meant for the development of infra-structural facilities for educational programmes, is decided on the basis of the developmental plans submitted by each university.

The quantum of grant under the National Agricultural Research Project is decided on the basis of the assessment of available resources and future requirements through an appraisal report.